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Puget Sound Photographic Collector's Society, Inc.

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WHAT	NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF PSPCS
WHERE	DES MOINES MASONIC TEMPLE 2208rd. S. 223rd. ST. (Take Midway exit # 149 west off I-5..go to first stop light west of Pacific HWY. S...turn right.)
WHEN	Thursday, May 18th, 1995..7:30 till 10:00 p.m. (door open about 6:30 pm)
WHY	Short meeting..door prizes..Auction (no more then three items per person please)..swap&sell..show & tell. The program will be a review of our show complete with the many treasures you found..stories of sales made and suggestions to help us make our next show even better.

THE CHECK IS IN THE MAIL:

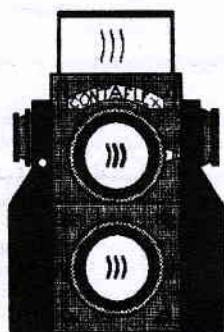
Yes, the decision has been made. The contract has been signed by President Dave Studebaker. The first thousand dollar check has been mailed. PSPCS's 16th show will be held April 27th 1996 at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, Washington.

For those of you not familiar with Western Washington area; the Puyallup Fairgrounds are located about twelve miles due east of Tacoma. It is served by freeways from I-5 and from the Kent Valley area. The show will be held in the modern 23,400 sq. foot Pavilion..on the ground floor. One of the big pluses is the 1,600 parking spaces located directly across the street. There is also a separate lot for seller parking. There is a built-in Kitchen that will be run by the fair. There is Air conditioning, house PA (for Bill) and handicapped restrooms and parking. There will be drop cord power available.

Our hope, at this time, is to have 250 six foot spaces for selling plus additional table space for displays etc. We think both sellers and buyers will be pleased with this facility and that it will help to make our 1996 show our best ever!

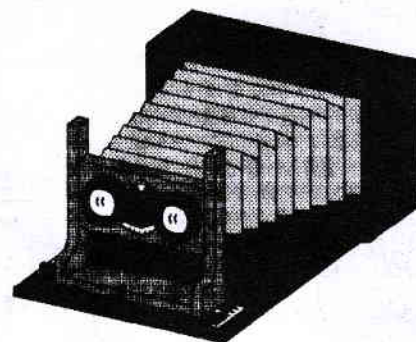
A LOOK AT OUR KENT SHOW:

For those of you who were unable to take part in the, "third largest one day camera show in the United states", here is a quick run down on what went on. The weather was ok..not too hot or cold and it only rained a little bit. About 1,500 hundred eager buyers came in. However, this was a drop of a hundred or so from last year and may have been due to the toatal lack of parking caused by few spaces and many many youth baseball games being played around Kent Commons on fields that seemed to have little parking. (Even the event chairman parked four blocks away.) Good reports were heard on sales from several different sellers. Buyers did seem to be spending some of their hard earned money. The Minolta thief struck again; but hopefully not too many items were lost. The buyers did thin out about three pm but there were still a good number roaming the halls until five pm. The displays were quite good and organizer Don Tempel seemed pleased. Some items did come in through the door and find new homes. The Asian buyers were there and made more then one dealer happy. Again, there was much more user material then collectible material. Some nice images changed hands. It would be nice if in the future more collectible material was offered for sale!



The Original Cost Of Antique and Collectible Cameras In 1995 Dollars

by
Ben Melton



It is tempting to feel nostalgic about the "good old days" when life was simple and cameras and other things cost a lot less than they do today.

Things were simple, all right. Before you took your picture, you had to unfold the camera, wind the film, measure or estimate the light, measure or estimate the distance, focus the camera, set the shutter speed and set the lens opening before you snapped your picture.

Well, maybe they weren't so simple compared to using a point-and-shoot or an AF SLR, but cameras were a lot less expensive. My first adjustable camera was a Foth Derby with an f:2.5 lens. I bought it in 1937 for about \$40.00. That was a pretty good deal. At least, I thought it was at the time.

What did cameras cost in the good ole days when our collectible cameras were built? How much in terms we can understand? The terms we can understand best are 1995 dollars, since that's where we are. So I have prepared a table of relative values of the dollar in terms of (February) 1995 dollars, and in terms of 1860 dollars.

From this table, I find that the 1937 dollar was equivalent in value to \$10.49 in 1995 dollars, so my Foth Derby cost the equivalent of \$420 in 1995 dollars.

Looking at the cameras I can buy for that amount now is enough to cure me of further yearning for the good ole days.

The magnificent Zeiss Contaflex sold in 1935 for about \$375, or about \$4,130 in 1995 dollars, which shakes me up to think about it. But that's enough of what impresses me. Let's see what we can figure out about your cameras.

The table on the next page covers the years from 1960 through (February) 1995. For each year, the dollar amount in the "1860 \$" column is the value of the 1860 dollar in terms of that year's dollar. i.e. It shows that the 1860 dollar was equivalent to \$2.05 in 1928 dollars. The "1995 \$" column shows for each year how many 1995 dollars are equivalent to one dollar for that year. e.g. It shows that the 1928 dollar was equivalent to \$8.80 in 1995 dollars.

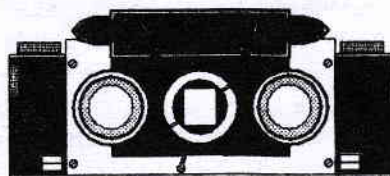
Please note that the table does not say that in 1928, \$2.08 in 1860 dollars is equivalent to \$8.80 in 1995 dollars. The only relationship between the 1860 entry and the 1995 entry for each year is that, multiplied together, they equal 18.05.

Using this table, if you know when your camera, or for that matter, your pocketknife was marketed, and how much it sold for, you can "translate" its price into 1995 dollars. If you can stay awake, you can probably make some interesting comparisons.

I hope you find it useful.

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The Value of The Dollar

From 1860 to 1955

In 1860 Dollars and in (February)1995 Dollars

DOLLAR VALUE			DOLLAR VALUE			DOLLAR VALUE			DOLLAR VALUE		
	1860 \$	1995 \$		1860 \$	1995 \$		1860 \$	1995 \$		1860 \$	1995 \$
1860	\$1.00	\$18.05	1894	\$1.03	\$17.52	1928	\$2.05	\$8.80	1962	\$3.62	\$4.99
1861	\$1.06	\$17.03	1895	\$1.01	\$17.87	1929	\$2.05	\$8.80	1963	\$3.66	\$4.93
1862	\$1.21	\$14.92	1896	\$1.01	\$17.87	1930	\$2.00	\$9.02	1964	\$3.71	\$4.87
1863	\$1.51	\$11.95	1897	\$1.00	\$18.05	1931	\$1.82	\$9.92	1965	\$3.77	\$4.79
1864	\$1.89	\$9.55	1898	\$1.00	\$18.05	1932	\$1.63	\$11.07	1966	\$3.88	\$4.65
1865	\$1.96	\$9.21	1899	\$1.00	\$18.05	1933	\$1.55	\$11.65	1967	\$3.99	\$4.52
1866	\$1.91	\$9.45	1900	\$1.01	\$17.87	1934	\$1.60	\$11.28	1968	\$4.16	\$4.34
1867	\$1.78	\$10.14	1901	\$1.02	\$17.70	1935	\$1.64	\$11.01	1969	\$4.38	\$4.12
1868	\$1.71	\$10.56	1902	\$1.03	\$17.52	1936	\$1.66	\$10.87	1970	\$4.64	\$3.89
1869	\$1.64	\$11.01	1903	\$1.06	\$17.03	1937	\$1.72	\$10.49	1971	\$4.84	\$3.73
1870	\$1.57	\$11.50	1904	\$1.07	\$16.87	1938	\$1.69	\$10.68	1972	\$5.00	\$3.61
1871	\$1.47	\$12.28	1905	\$1.06	\$17.03	1939	\$1.66	\$10.87	1973	\$5.31	\$3.40
1872	\$1.47	\$12.28	1906	\$1.08	\$16.71	1940	\$1.68	\$10.74	1974	\$5.90	\$3.06
1873	\$1.44	\$12.53	1907	\$1.13	\$15.97	1941	\$1.76	\$10.26	1975	\$6.43	\$2.81
1874	\$1.37	\$13.18	1908	\$1.11	\$16.26	1942	\$1.95	\$9.26	1976	\$6.80	\$2.65
1875	\$1.32	\$13.67	1909	\$1.09	\$16.56	1943	\$2.07	\$8.72	1977	\$7.25	\$2.49
1876	\$1.29	\$13.99	1910	\$1.14	\$15.83	1944	\$2.10	\$8.60	1978	\$7.80	\$2.31
1877	\$1.26	\$14.33	1911	\$1.14	\$15.83	1945	\$2.15	\$8.40	1979	\$8.68	\$2.08
1878	\$1.20	\$15.04	1912	\$1.17	\$15.43	1946	\$2.33	\$7.75	1980	\$9.85	\$1.83
1879	\$1.20	\$15.04	1913	\$1.19	\$15.17	1947	\$2.67	\$6.76	1981	\$10.87	\$1.66
1880	\$1.23	\$14.67	1914	\$1.20	\$15.04	1948	\$2.88	\$6.27	1982	\$11.54	\$1.56
1881	\$1.23	\$14.67	1915	\$1.21	\$14.92	1949	\$2.85	\$6.33	1983	\$11.91	\$1.52
1882	\$1.23	\$14.67	1916	\$1.30	\$13.88	1950	\$2.88	\$6.27	1984	\$12.43	\$1.45
1883	\$1.21	\$14.92	1917	\$1.53	\$11.80	1951	\$3.10	\$5.82	1985	\$12.87	\$1.40
1884	\$1.18	\$15.30	1918	\$1.80	\$10.03	1952	\$3.17	\$5.69	1986	\$13.11	\$1.38
1885	\$1.16	\$15.56	1919	\$2.07	\$8.72	1953	\$3.20	\$5.64	1987	\$13.59	\$1.33
1886	\$1.13	\$15.97	1920	\$2.40	\$7.52	1954	\$3.21	\$5.62	1988	\$14.15	\$1.28
1887	\$1.14	\$15.83	1921	\$2.14	\$8.43	1955	\$3.20	\$5.64	1989	\$14.83	\$1.22
1888	\$1.14	\$15.83	1922	\$2.00	\$9.02	1956	\$3.25	\$5.55	1990	\$15.63	\$1.15
1889	\$1.11	\$16.26	1923	\$2.04	\$8.85	1957	\$3.36	\$5.37	1991	\$16.29	\$1.11
1890	\$1.09	\$16.56	1924	\$2.04	\$8.85	1958	\$3.46	\$5.22	1992	\$16.78	\$1.08
1891	\$1.09	\$16.56	1925	\$2.10	\$8.60	1959	\$3.48	\$5.19	1993	\$17.26	\$1.05
1892	\$1.09	\$16.56	1926	\$2.11	\$8.55	1960	\$3.54	\$5.10	1994	\$17.54	\$1.03
1893	\$1.08	\$16.71	1927	\$2.08	\$8.68	1961	\$3.58	\$5.04	1995	\$18.05	\$1.00

****BACKSIDE INFORMATION****

MORE KENT SHOW:

Shirley will let us know if we stayed out of the red at the May meeting.

All-in-all most everyone seemed to feel it was a good show. The sellers in the "small" room got too hot for a time but said there were lots of buyers coming through. The hospitality room was busy again this year. We hope to see even more members at our 1996 show in Puyallup. (Now we will be the Puyallup show not the Kent show.)

PSPCS REGULAR MEETING APRIL 19th:

The meeting came to order at 7:35 p.m. There were 44 members and two guests in attendance. Minutes were approved and treasurer said we still had money.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shirley reported that 36 delinquent members had been dropped.

Puyallup Fairgrounds approved us for 1996 for last weekend in April (27th). We are only guaranteed for 1996 but don't feel there will be any problems in the following years.

Bill Kimber, and his committee, gave their show report update. Committee is doing survey on how much time show committee donates to make our show the success it is. The committee is still looking for volunteers for door and setup Friday night. List was passed and positions were filled. Bill Kimber said we will have an ad in the Seattle Weekly this year; and a cover story in the Tacoma News Tribune the day before the show.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business. There was a question asked about renting Kent Commons Green River room for interclub swap meeting in November. It was decided by the Board after the meeting that the Treasurer would reserve the room for the November meeting as soon as possible.

PROGRAM:

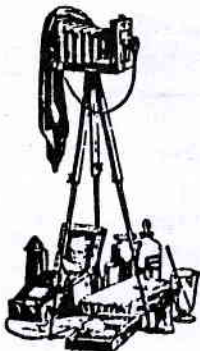
The program was Show & Tell and reports on Portland and Vancouver B.C. shows. Five members had some very interesting treasures to show. A very silent membership finally allowed as how the two shows had been worth going to and selling/buying items from.

AUCTION:

Six items were auctioned for a total of \$107.00.

DOOR PRIZES:

Arne Anderson and Fred Forster won the door prizes. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.



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Dues are \$10.00 per year and should be sent to Secretary/Treasurer Shirley Sparrow P.O. Box 70, Ronald, WA 98940 (509) 649-2477. P.S.P.C.S. members receive first notification of our spring show.

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